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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. DEPARTMENT AND HUD CONCUR WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION (MOSCOW 16070) AND HAVE CANCELLED VISIT OF US COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION DELEGATION TO UNDERLINE OUR DISPLEASURE WITH SOVIET FAILURE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ITINERARY. ICCUSA MECHANISM SERVED US WELL IN SUSTAINING THIS DECISION DESPITE SOME DISMAY FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. NSC DIRECTIVE DATED OCTOBER 25 ON IMPLEMENTATION OF US-USSR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAS ALSO PROVED ITS WORTH IN RESOLVING THIS INTERAGENCY QUESTION. THIS DIRECTIVE, INTER ALIA, STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING REASONABLE BALANCE OF BENEFITS AND RECIPROCITY OF ACCESS IN OUR COOPERATIVE VENTURES, AND NECESSITY FOR PRESSING SOVIETS VIGOROUSLY ON BOTH POINTS. WE WILL BE FORWARDING A COPY TO YOU WITH OUR THINKING ON HOW ITS SUBSTANCE CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY BE COMMUNICATED TO THE
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SOVIETS. -

2. BILATERAL TALKED TO MRS. RUDIS IN CHICAGO WHO IS HELPING SKOPAS FAMILY WITH VYZOVS AND OTHER DETAILS FOR ALEKSANDR SKOPAS. RUDIS REPORTED THAT SON IN US RECEIVED LETTER FROM SON IN LITHUANIA WHICH SAID THAT SKOPAS WAS BEATEN UP OUTSIDE OF EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 16 BY QUOTE BAND OF HOOLIGANS

UNQUOTE. LATER IN DAY QUOTE SOMEONE FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY
UNQUOTE CALLED SKOPAS AT HOME IN LITHUANIA TO PICK UP HIS
FATHER. SON ARRIVED ON OCTOBER 17 TO DISCOVER THAT FATHER
ALREADY DEPARTED FOR LITHUANIA BY BUS. ALEKSANDR SKOPAS
NOW WITH SON IN LITHUANIA AT NUMBER 78, CHAGALOVA STREET,
CITY OF AMEKSHYAI AND MAY BE CONTACTED THERE BY EMBASSY.
PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CONTACT SKOPAS.

3. FLUOR INTERNATIONAL INFORMED US THAT A COMPANY DELEGATI
ON WILL BE VISITING MOSCOW AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH
COMATT FARRAND NOVEMBER 17 OR 18. GROUP WILL INCLUDE
MICK FLEMING, GLEN MOULDER, ALBERT VANDER AND BURT HICKMAN.
FLUOR HAS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH JAPAN STEELWORKS FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF THREE GAS PLANTS IN THE TYUMENT REGION OF
WESTERN SIBERIA WITH V/O MACHINOIMPORT. FLUOR EXPECTS TO
HAVE TWELVE EMPLOYEES IN PLACE BY MARCH/APRIL 1978 AND
THE ADVANCE PARTY WISHES TO DISCUSS LIVING CONDITIONS, FOOD
AVAILABILITY, IMPORT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS, VISAS ISSUES
ETC. THE GROUP WILL PHONE FARRAND LATE NOVEMBER 16 TO
CONFIRM APPOINTMENT.

4. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KEN SKOUG'S FATHER-IN-LAW
RE VISIT PLANS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS NOVEMBER
17. WE SHARE YOUR REGRET THAT EARLY NOTICE OF PLANNED
MANZHULO/REICH MEETING WAS NOT POSSIBLE. AS REPORTED IN
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PARA TWO OF STATE 262635, INVITATION TO MANZHULO TO MEET
IN WASHINGTON WAS CONFIRMED BY REICH AT OCTOBER 28
BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETING. WHEN MANZHULO ULTIMATELY
AGREED TO MEETING REICH'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 10 (ONLY
FEASIBLE DAY) WAS NOT OPEN, AND TALKS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL LOS ANGELES OR DELEGATION'S SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO
WASHINGTON. COMMERCE AGREES THAT SKOUG PARTICIPATION
WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE.

5. AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST ASKED US TO FORWARD BY
FASTEST MEANS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AECA MANAGER KAREN
POWE: WE ARE SENDING TEMPORARY CHECKS IMMEDIATELY AND
PRINTED CHECKS WILL FOLLOW. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESPOND

TO YOUR INQUIRIES AS WIRES HAVE ONLY INDICATED PERSONAL
NAME OF KAREN POWE, AECA AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW. NAME
OF ACCOUNT AND ACCOUNT NUMBER WERE NOT INDICATED. WE NOW
FIND KAREN POWE AS BEING ON ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY
COMMISSARY ASSOC. (20-862 91 903). WE REGRET YOUR INQUIRES

COULD NOT BE ANSWERED. R VAN VRANKEN, MANAGER, AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

6. REF MOSCOW 16288, WE AND USIA MAY HAVE PROBLEMS HERE IF LEFT IN THE POSITION OF PREVENTING DAMBRAVA'S TRIP. WE ARE CONSIDERING OPTIONS. ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS?

7. FOR COMBS FROM MCCALL: CHARLES SORRELS OF BROOKINGS ASKS IF YOU COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER SVYATOV AND STRELTSOV OF USA INSTITUTE COULD SEE HIM ON DECEMBER 7 OR MORNING OF DECEMBER 8. IF SO HE WOULD COME TO MOSCOW IN THE COURSE OF HIS EUROPEAN TRAVELS. HE IS WORKING ON A STUDY OF THE CRUISE MISSILES IMPLICATION FOR FORCE STRUCTURE IN ARMS CONTROL. HE HASN'T MET THESE SOVIETS BUT THEY WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOMMENDED TO HIM BY BEECHER.

8. WE CONTINUE TO PRESS ON A REPLACEMENT FOR TRACY AND HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT NEXT WEEK. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING BACK ON KRY'S DESPITE REPEATED QUERIES. BOB BLACKBURN IS A CANDIDATE BEING DISCUSSED. SHERROD KNOWS HIM FROM EA AND PEKING AND RECOMMENDS HIM AS AN INTELLIGENT, DEFT AND HARD-DRIVING ADMINISTRATOR WITH A LOT OF POLITICAL SAVVY.

9. AFTER WORKING IN SOV SINCE SEPTEMBER 22, DAVID WEISZ WILL, STARTING NOVEMBER 14, BE AT THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE TO BRUSH-UP HIS RUSSIAN. HE WILL BE AT FSI UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 6, ARRIVING IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 12, AFTER 6 DAYS LEAVE IN VIENNA.

10. WE ARE SETTING UP A FULL SCHEDULE FOR YOUR CONSULTATIONS HERE NOVEMBER 21-23. FOLLOWING STILL LARGELY TENTATIVE. ON MONDAY YOU WOULD MEET WITH INR; BEN READ AND /OR JOHN THOMAS AND OTHERS ON MICROWAVES; POSSIBLY WITH VARIOUS USG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH KIEV MATTERS; AND WITH THE PERSONNEL "SMALL GROUP" ON CADRES. TUESDAY YOU WOULD SEE MARSHALL SHULMAN, BILL LUERS AND PATT DERIAN, BE OUR GUEST OF HONOR AT A BROWNBAG LUNCHEON, AND MEET WITH THE FSI TRAINEES. WEDNESDAY YOU WOULD MEET WITH USIA/IEU JACK SCANLAN, COMMERCE - ALAN REICH, AND SPEND SOME TIME OUT AT CIA. THERE MAY BE SOME SHIFTING OF APPOINTMENTS AND DAYS AND WE WILL CABLE YOU A COMPLETE SCHEDULE IN OUR THURSDAY O-I. HAVE WE LEFT ANYONE OUT? VANCE

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